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July 23, 2019

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia SC 29210

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Services Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal high-cost support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

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The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2019, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will be reduced as set forth in the federal regulation. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2019, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C). Please note that the Commission's certification letter to the FCC and USAC must reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

Burr Forman McNair

Margaret M. Fox

MMF:khh

Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

Kari Munn

Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire

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Doug Pratt

Company Representatives (See Distribution List)

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ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER	
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512	
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515	
Chester Telephone Company	240516	
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company)	240542	
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520	
FTC Communications, LLC	249002	
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521	
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523	
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	240527	
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528	
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531	
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532	
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533	
Norway Telephone Company	240535	
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536	
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538	
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539	
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541	
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546	
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544	
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550	
Williston Telephone Company	240551	

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<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: <u>240512</u>

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>ANDREW REIN</u>. I am employed by <u>BLUFFTON TELEPHONE</u> <u>COMPANY, INC.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>CFO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

ANDREW REIN
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3P day of 1019.

| Moderate | Manager | Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA			
COUNTY OFAshe			
COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. STUDY AREA NUMBER:240515			
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING			
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:			
1. My name is <u>Cindy Rothstein</u> . I am employed by <u>Chesnee Telephone</u> <u>Company, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u> . I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.			
2. <u>Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.			
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.			
Cindy Rothstein Chief Financial Officer			
Subscribed to and sworn before me this <u>9th</u> day of <u>July</u> 2019.			
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR NORTH CAROLINA Pamela Tribble Weaver Printed Name of Notary My Commission Expires: 7-24-2021			

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Chester Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chester Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _____2nd__ day of __July___ 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: <u>Comporium, Inc</u> STUDY AREA NUMBER: <u>240542</u>

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Greg Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Comporium, Inc</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Vice President of Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Comporium, Inc</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Comporium, Inc</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Greg Lylnsford

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3 rd day of July 2019

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Krishne R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jeffrey L. Lawrimore</u>. I am employed by <u>Farmers Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jeffrey L. Lawrimore Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3^{rd} day of July 2019.

OTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Hanna McCutchen

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 10-31-2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: <u>FTC Communications, LLC</u> STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jeffrey L. Lawrimore</u>. I am employed by <u>FTC Communications</u>, <u>LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>FTC Communications, LLC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>FTC Communications, LLC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jeffrey L. Lawrimore
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this $\frac{3^{rol}}{2^{rol}}$ day of $\frac{1}{2^{rol}}$ July 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 10 -31 - 2028

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Fort Mill Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: <u>240521</u>

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Greg Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Vice President of Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

<u>Greg Lansford</u>

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this $\frac{30}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Kristine R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: HARGRAY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>ANDREW REIN</u>. I am employed by <u>HARGRAY TELEPHONE</u> <u>COMPANY, INC.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>CFO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>HARGRAY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>HARGRAY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

ANDREW REIN
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3^{PD} day of 7ULY 2019.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

COMPANY: <u>HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC</u>

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>WILLIAM S. HELMLY</u>. I am employed by <u>HOME TELEPHONE</u> <u>ILEC, LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>PRESIDENT & CEO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William S. Helmly President & CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2 day of July 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Jamie Playle Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Opril 12, 2026

Jamie Peagler
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires
April 12, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Horry

COMPANY: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Carlton Lewis</u>. I am employed by <u>Horry Telephone</u> (the "Company") as its <u>CFO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Horry Telephone</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Horry Telephone</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Carlton Lewis

CFO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _______ day of _______ 2019

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 2-2-2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Lancaster Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Greg Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Lancaster Telephone</u> <u>Company</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Vice President of Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Lancaster Telephone Company</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Lancaster Telephone Company</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Greg Lunsford

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this $\frac{3M}{4}$ day of $\frac{3M}{4}$ 2019

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Rishne K Kamsey
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Lockhart Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lockhart Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this $\underline{2^{nd}}$ day of \underline{July} 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Docusigned by:

Joll Dolumeier

Joef Bofffffer
Vice President
McClellanville Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of She

. 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WASCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Norway Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Joel Dolineier

Toel 120 PATE 160 Vice President

Norway Telephone Company, Inc.

Subscribed to and sworm before me this

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSI

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jason Dandridge</u>. I am employed by <u>Palmetto Rural Telephone</u> Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jeson J. Dandridge Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2nd day of July 2019.

Karen & Bridge NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Karen L Bridge Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 10, 2024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Randy Lis. I am employed by Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Randy Lis

General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of 3019.

OTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Jennifer C. Murphy

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 82519

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

COMPANY: *PBT TELECOM, INC.* STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is *L.B. Spearman*. I am employed by *PBT Telecom, Inc.* (the "Company") as its *Vice President*. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. *PBT Telecom, Inc.* hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to *PBT Telecom, Inc.* was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L.B. Spearman Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4\26\27

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Ridgeway Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Ridgeway Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _____2nd__ day of __July___ 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is C. Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _2 day of _Taly

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Ray no ad H. FisherPrinted Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Oct. 22, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Joel Dolmeier

Vice President

St. Stephen Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COMPANY: WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is LANCE A. TADE. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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	_	ance A. Tade Chief Financial Off	icer
Subscribed to and sworn before me this	181	day of July	2019.

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SO	OUTH CAROLINA
Tina Brewer	
Printed Name of Notary	
My Commission Expires:	8/1/2027

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Joel Polymeier
Joel 1963-1979-1985-1884-1900

Vice President
Williston Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworth before me this

<u>O</u> day of <u>Hurf</u> 2019

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